

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 575

SENATE BILL NO. 1662

By Jackson, Crowe, Tate, Ketron, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1186

By Sherry Jones, Ferguson, Cooper, Odom, Hardaway, Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, relative to special education services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. By October 1, 2007, the Department of Education's division of special education shall report in writing to the Chair of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives and the Chair of the Senate Education Committee regarding the following information:

(1) The number of special education classes by local education agency;

(2) The number of special education students by local education agency;

(3) The number of special education teachers by local education agency;

(4) The number of special education aides by local education agency;

(5) The number and types of restraints and seclusion utilized over the twelve (12) months following this act's effective date by local education agency;

(6) The number of local education agencies that provide training in positive behavioral supports; and

(7) The number of local education agencies that provide training in the appropriate use of restraints and seclusion.

SECTION 2. There is established a study commission on methods of restraint employed on students who receive special education services to study the data compiled by the Department of Education as required by this act and to make appropriate recommendations. The commission shall report to each member of the general assembly once on its activities, findings, recommendations and proposals. The commission shall consist of seven (7) members. The Speaker of the Senate shall appoint one (1) member from the

General Welfare, Health, and Human Resources Committee and one (1) member from the Education Committee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one (1) member from the Health and Human Resources Committee and one (1) member from the Education Committee. The Children and Family Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives shall appoint one (1) member to the Study Committee. One (1) representative shall be appointed by ARC, and one (1) representative shall be appointed by NAMI.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 12, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR